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WARD SYSTEM FINALLY DOWNED; ACHI'S AMENDMENT IS CARRIED

By Margin of Two Votes Former Minority Reduce Number of Supervisors

What seemed only a temporary check to the majority at the charter convention Wednesday night turned into a rout last night when the majority passed W. C. Achi's amendment to section 6, providing for six supervisors and a mayor, all to be elected at large, by a vote of 23 to 20.

By this measure the mayor loses his powers of approval and veto and instead votes with the board, all ordinances issued directly from the supervisors without passing through the hands of any higher medium.

Originally the radical minority held out for four supervisors, and the conservative majority wanted eight and a return to the ward system of electing. The triumph of the radicals is therefore beginning, and from present indications the balance of power no longer lies in the hands of Lorrin Andrews and his followers.

Thereafter events went rather smoothly until the section was reached which provides that instead of publishing each ordinance three times in the newspapers before final action be taken upon it, it be merely posted in a prominent place. There those who are interested can come to look over the details.

Publicity is better, W. O. Smith rose to make a long protest against this measure. He maintained that the old system was far better. He pointed out that one of the most important principles of city government or of any republican form of government was the giving of plenty of publicity to all the acts of officials.

He said that when an act was published in the papers everyone could read it, whereas there was little opportunity or desire on the part of most citizens to walk to one place and read at length from a billboard.

Defending the change, Lorrin Andrews, chairman of the committee of 15, pointed out that one of the largest single items of the annual city budget was this one for newspaper advertising.

"No one reads these long acts in the newspapers anyway," said Andrews, "and the only good that is done is to fatten the pocketbooks of the papers."

Clerk David Kalanokalani then rose to make one of his infrequent speeches. He got bare fact.

Annual Bill About \$7000. "The bill for the first publication of one ordinance was \$769 and for the three publications the total expenditure will total something like \$2200. This is only one glaring instance of what is repeated almost every day. In the above mentioned case the ordinance consisted of column after column of dry technicalities which no ordinary citizen would find of the least interest. It is very doubtful whether any but a trained reader could follow the winding intricacies of legal phraseology. Yet for just such advertising the city and county every year pays about \$7000. This is 1 per cent of the entire expenditures of the county."

The speech of Kalanokalani was decisive, and despite the fact that Smith rose twice again to defend his amendment it was lost by an overwhelming majority.

One sentiment which found frequent expression during the discussion was that the newspaper service in Honolulu was so efficient that no act of an official body was apt to be overlooked, and that surely an act which in the slightest measure might be detrimental to the public welfare would be apt to start into a headline.

Section 20 of the revised charter, giving the board of supervisors the powers of a board of estimate and equalization, after some discussion, was referred to a committee consisting of W. O. Smith, Lorrin Andrews and W. C. Achi. They are to report.

CHILD'S TONGUE SHOWS TONGUE IN SIBERIAN EXILE

Honolulu theatergoers—at least a goodly percentage of them—thrive on melodramatic thrills. This is evidenced by the large and enthusiastic attendance at the Hawaii theater during the present week to witness "Hearts in Exile," a thrilling tale of Siberia, the great prison district to which Russia has sent her felons—also political prisoners—for a good many years past. Many stories have been told of the horrors of life in Siberia, but none with more of a punch than "Hearts in Exile."

Clara Kimball Young, an exceedingly clever dramatic actress, is seen in the leading role of Hope Ivanova; and it is around Hope that the entire story is woven. The slender thread of romance that runs through the story is a spoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.—Adv.

on this important measure not later than Monday night.

The convention passed through the sections of the charter last night, the most notable progress which it has so far made, and the session was adjourned to continue at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Delegate Owen's Position.

Delegate C. G. Owen objects to having his action on Wednesday evening classed by the minority leaders as a "blunder," when he believes he took the only fair course to all. He fully explains his position in the following letter to the Star-Bulletin, also taking a lively rap at Senator Chillingworth: "Honolulu, T. H., Oct. 29, 1915. "Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir:—From an article published in your last night's edition I most certainly object to an attempt being made to prove someone the goat for failure of the progressive minority of the charter convention to carry out an unfair parliamentary trick. Had the vote carried to prevent further consideration of Section 6 of the majority draft as amended by Senator Achi, the action of those of us who gave our efforts to obtain a short ballot form of city administration would be as unfair as some of the tactics attempted in the early days of the convention by the ward-system leaders.

At last night's session, Senator Achi's amendment was voted for as a fair compromise measure, and the convention can thank those members who voted against Mr. Chillingworth's double-faced motion and thereby passed the six-supervisor measure without having to be accused of trickery.

Respectfully,

C. G. OWEN.

Tactics Defended.

In support of Senator Chillingworth's tactics, the following letter was written by Attorney R. W. Breckons to Chillingworth:

Honolulu, Hawaii, Oct. 28, 1915. Honorable Charles F. Chillingworth, Honolulu, Hawaii.

My dear Charles: Noticing a criticism of you in the paper of this morning I thought it might be of interest to you to know that the course pursued by you in moving a reconsideration is one which is nearly always followed in Congress in the case of bills which have finally been passed over opposition. Indeed, it is very rare to find a case in the House where there has been a roll call on the passage of the bill, that the motion to reconsider is not made.

I could multiply all sorts of illustrations for you, but only a few will be necessary. On March 3, 1915, a question which had been much debated arose as to whether the report of the conference committee on the agricultural appropriation bill should be adopted. The chairman on the appropriation bill was Mr. Lever. His motion on his scrap and had the conference committee agreed to, I find this entry following the announcement of the vote:

On motion of Mr. Lever, the motion to reconsider the vote by which the conference report was agreed to was laid on the table.

On the same day there was presented a neutrality resolution, Mr. Underwood being the gentleman handling the resolution. It was rapidly adopted with the Senate amendments. Then I find this entry:

"On motion of Mr. Underwood, a motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate amendments were concurred in was laid on the table."

I have quoted but two cases, but if the methods employed by you in moving to reconsider be attacked as unusual, I can quote you thousands. As a matter of fact, if the question at issue was a vital one—which I judge from the papers, it was—I should have pursued exactly the same tactics that you did.

I imagine the trouble was that your delegates did not understand the motion, and if I indulged in any criticism at all it would be that you did not fully post them on the subject.

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BRECKONS.

FUNERAL OF MURDERED WOMAN TODAY; INQUEST TOMORROW AFTERNOON

24 Lieut. Matthew A. Palen has taken charge of the burial of Mrs. Buchanan, wife of Cpl. Eugene Buchanan of the 25th Infantry, who shot and killed her yesterday morning through jealousy. The body will be interred this afternoon.

The man Palmer of F Company, 25th Infantry, who is accused of intimacy with Mrs. Buchanan, and Eddie Thomas of the same regiment, who is also involved in a minor way in the case, are held at Schofield Barracks and will be kept ready to testify at the trial of Buchanan.

The coroner's inquest will be held tomorrow afternoon.

STAR-BULLETIN SPECIAL EDITION HIGHLY LAUDED

The Hawaii Souvenir issued by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin is one of the most attractive publications ever sent out from a newspaper office. To the ordinary American, who never has visited the islands, the book would be a surprise, not simply in its own magnitude and the beauty of its art, but the importance of the interests that the volume represents. There are 176 pages. The illustrations are of the highest excellence, showing in a most striking way the scenic wonders of the city and its surroundings. The souvenir was designed to be the official offering of Hawaii at the exposition, and admirably has served its purpose.—Pasadena, Cal., News.

Recently compiled official figures place the gold production of Alaska to the close of last year at \$228,332,540.

WHEELER MADE NEW PRESIDENT OF ENGINEERS

Annual Election Held at Banquet, Bringing Convention to Close Last Night

At the last meeting of the annual convention of Hawaiian Mill Engineers, A. C. Wheeler, assistant superintendent of public works, was elected president of the association. The meeting occurred at the Commercial Club last evening.

C. B. Andrews was elected vice-president, Irwin Spalding, treasurer, while office he already held during the past term, and G. A. McDermott was elected secretary. They are all residents of Oahu.

Committee chairmen were appointed as follows: Field machinery and cane transportation, Joseph Wyllie, Oonema; milling, James E. Kennedy, Hakalau; boilers and furnaces, R. E. Hughes, Puunene clarification and filtration, E. W. Kopke, Keala; evaporators and vacuum pans, J. Louis Renton, Ewa; centrifugals and crystallizers, George F. Winter, Lihue; sugar room machinery, Charles Cowan, Wailuku; electricity, George Duncan, Oahu; lubrication, J. Melnecke, Pala; testing and recording instruments, C. E. Wilson, Pahala; heat conservation, R. Renton, Ewa; These chairmen will select their own committees.

About 125 were present at the annual banquet which followed the meeting. The speakers were J. M. Dowsett, president of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association; S. S. Beck, president of the Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce; R. Renton, president of the association of engineers; William Patton, E. W. Green and F. C. Trubshaw of Milwaukee.

Names of Men at Banquet. Those present were: J. S. K. Cushman, W. W. Westcott, Charles Cowan, F. F. Becher, T. J. McGrath, F. E. Blake, A. M. Schmidt, J. H. Pratt, William Ebeling, C. M. Thurston, Thomas Murray, James Nicoll, Joseph Chalmers, Joseph Wyllie, William W. Nicoll, George F. Wright, Fred E. Harvey, George R. Ewart, James E. Jaeger, Lester Petrie, George H. Angus, E. W. Greene, W. A. Ramsay, D. M. Semple, John M. Young, James P. Lynch, F. Hegenbarth, Harry Denison, Joseph C. Beiswanger, J. Hedemann, J. A. Gibb, George F. de la Nux, R. M. Huston, William Wainright, G. S. Burrell, U. S. N.; S. S. Beck, T. H. Petrie, J. M. Dowsett, J. Waterhouse, Horace Johnson, R. Renton, R. M. Paxson, W. K. Orth, G. P. Winter, E. Kopke, William J. Kruse, H. C. Waldron, H. B. Waller, J. C. Plankinton, W. C. Pillar, F. G. Kirchhoff, Robert A. McDermott, J. S. Badley, Robert R. Catton, F. H. Armstrong, A. P. Ewart, W. E. Rowell, C. H. Kluegel, Jared G. Smith, L. H. Mesick, C. S. Crane, B. E. Hooper, Irwin Spalding, A. Eichelard, K. F. Mackie, H. Schultz, W. T. Gries, E. J. Nell, H. Menefoglio, H. W. Maron, F. H. West, A. E. Dredg, L. E. Davis, Charles J. Heiser, Jr., R. Scott, C. Horawill, Charles R. Frazier, S. W. Tay, De Carl Keller, P. J. Erben, J. M. Smith, C. E. Wilson, C. B. Gage, R. Quinn, W. E. Wandson, J. A. Clarke, Robert Menough, W. H. Patten, Alfred R. Pratt, George J. Muller, Fred Lohr, J. H. Wilcox, J. Louis Renton, Thomas J. Nolan, J. B. Laing and F. C. Trubshaw of Milwaukee.

TWO AUTO SMASHUPS LATE ON THURSDAY

Dr. Frederick L. Morong's automobile was struck by an automobile driven by a Japanese at Beretania and Punchbowl streets yesterday afternoon. Doctor Morong states that he was moving west on Beretania street and that the Japanese struck his car at Punchbowl.

Another accident occurred to Charles Parker, who was driving an automobile east in King street. At Keanamoku street it skidded and struck a telegraph pole. Parker and K. Hickey of the "K" submarines were slightly injured and the car was damaged badly.

Vincent Freitas was arrested on the charge that he drove a car past another on the right side, in violation of the city ordinance.

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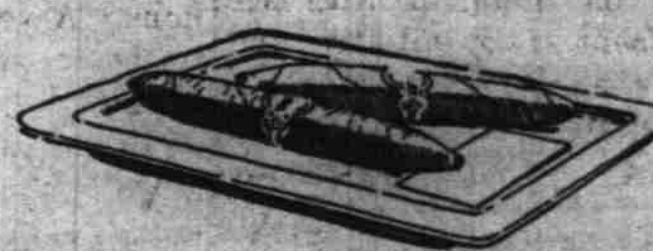
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